



STATE MINING AND GEOLOGY BOARD

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



ARNOLD
SCHWARZENEGGER
GOVERNOR

For Meeting Date: September 11, 2008

Agenda Item No. 13: Presentation of Select 2008 SMARA Surface Mine Inspection Reports for Six Active Surface Mining Sites for Acceptance Consideration by the State Mining and Geology Board.

INTRODUCTION: The State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB) serves as the lead agency under SMARA for forty-eight (48) individual mining operations located in two counties (El Dorado County and Yuba County), eleven (11) San Francisco Bay dredging operations, and ten (10) cities that do not have mining ordinances. SMARA inspection reports for six surface mining operations located in Yuba County are being presented for acceptance consideration.

MINE INSPECTION REPORTS FOR THE SMGB'S ACCEPTANCE CONSIDERATION:

The 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports to be presented for acceptance consideration by the SMGB are:

- Wheatland Clay Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-0007), Yuba County.
- Dantoni Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-0011), Yuba County.
- Blue Point Clark Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-58-0015), Yuba County.
- Teichert Marysville Facility (CA Mine ID #91-58-0019), Yuba County.
- Blue Point Mine (CA Mine ID #91-58-0021), Yuba County.
- Simpson Lane Project (CA Mine ID #91-58-0025), Yuba County.

A summary of violations and corrective measures per surface mining operation is presented below.

Wheatland Clay Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-0007):

No violations or corrective measures are noted at time of inspection on August 22, 2008.

The existing financial assurance is deemed adequate at time of inspection, however, the financial assurance cost estimate should be adjusted to reflect current site conditions.



Executive Officer's Report

Due to lack of surface mining activities at the Wheatland Clay Pit site during the past several years, it is recommended that the operator submit an Interim Management Plan (IMP) for review and subsequent approval consideration.

Dantoni Pit (CA Mine ID #91-58-00011):

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 27, 2008.

Blue Point Clark Rock Quarry (CA Mine ID #91-58-0015):

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 22, 2008.

Teichert Marysville Facility (CA Mine ID #91-58-0019):

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 25, 2008.

Although no significant slope stability issues were readily apparent at time of inspection, it is recommended that a geotechnical engineer or certified engineering geologist periodically inspect current slopes and benching configurations, notably, those slopes that exist below the piezometric surface to assure that no potential slope instability or safety issues exist.

Blue Point Mine (CA Mine ID #91-58-0021):

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 22, 2008.

Simpson Lane Project (CA Mine ID #91-58-0025):

No violations or corrective measures were noted at time of inspection on August 25, 2008.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION: The Executive Officer recommends that the SMGB accept the six 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports, and direct the Executive Officer to transmit the findings to each mine operator and their respective SMARA lead agency.



SUGGESTED MOTION LANGUAGE:

To accept six 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports:

Mr. Chairman, in light of the information before the SMGB today, I move that the SMGB accept the six 2008 SMARA mine inspection reports for Yuba County. These sites are the Wheatland Clay Pit, Dantoni Pit, Blue Point Clark Quarry, Teichert Marysville Facility, Blue Point Mine, and the Simpson Lane Project.

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen M. Testa
Executive Officer

